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For: **RECORDING MEDIUM DRIVE HAVING
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: July 10, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed **June 20, 2006** containing a Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group I, covered by claims 1-11, for prosecution in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC §120 and 35 USC §121 prior to issuance of any patent granted on the elected subject matter.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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